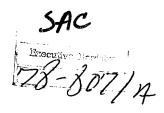
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Honorable William Proxmire Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

Thank you for your letter of March 28 concerning Thriefing of your staff on Iran's future after the Shah's death. I believe I can clarify the matter of your comment about our limited attention to this problem area.

Let me assure you that analysts like [devote a great deal of time and attention to the internal affairs of Iran. _____, for example, has worked on this area for twenty-five years. Our review of this area is continuous and detailed.

From time to time, as circumstances warrant, we prepare an assessment of the situation. That is what is currently preparing and will be pleased to make it available to you when it is fully coordinated and completed.

Your concern about contingency planning is a policy matter and I suggest you might want to take it up with the State Department.

I appreciate your interest in this vital area of the world.

Yours sincerely,

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JAMES R. CALLOWAY CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

March 28, 1978

Admiral Stansfield Turner Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

This follows up my letter of March 9 on the questioning of Iran's future after the Shah's death. Your analyst[briefed my staff and answered the questions in my letter-no further reply to those is necessary now.

told us that he is preparing an intelligence memorandum on precisely this subject. I was disturbed to hear that there is no current assessment or contingency planning on this very important issue and that the CIA's attention to internal affairs in Iran is limited. I believe that the 2-3 year period following the Shah's death may well be dangerous to our military and intelligence capabilities, and-of particular interest and concern to me-to the international economy and the stability of the dollar.

I urge you to ensure that the CIA's information on Iran is extensive, current, and detailed. Please make a copy of assessment available to me as soon as it is a completed CIA product ready for circulation for the comment of other agencies.

Best wishes.

Sincerely

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